

Yorktown Capital Projects

YMP-001 Wharf and Waterfront Interpretive Area

This project includes all elements of the improvement plan for the waterfront area between the National Park Service (NPS) Picnic Area on the east and the Victory Center on the west. The plans for this area are the product of the Focus of Yorktown I and II workshops and the continuing discussions among the Board, the Yorktown Trustees, the Watermen's Museum, the NPS and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. This project includes funding for:

- Building Renovation – One of the major elements of the improvement plan is the movement of the Freight Shed (former Post Office) from the Wharf to a location closer to Water Street. Once moved and placed on a new foundation, the building is to be renovated and available for community use.
- Wharf Demolition/Shoreline Stabilization – Once the Freight Shed is relocated, the Wharf is to be demolished and the shoreline further stabilized with additional breakwater construction and sand nourishment.
- Pier and Observation Deck Construction – A major component of the waterfront improvement plan involves the construction of a new pier capable of accommodating a variety of vessels. The proposed pier will extend out from the foot of Ballard Street and will provide docking opportunities in a variety of configurations and for a variety of vessel types and sizes. The pier will be capable of docking dinner cruise boats, passenger cruise lines, tall-ships, and recreational/pleasure craft. In addition, an observation deck/area is proposed in the location of the Wharf once it is demolished.
- Public Plaza – A landscaped public plaza is proposed in the area generally bounded by the new pier, the relocated Freight Shed and the existing restroom building. This plaza will include a grass performance area and landscaping.
- New Commercial Buildings – Construction of approximately 15,000 square feet of commercial space in several buildings located between the Freight Shed and the Coleman Bridge is proposed. A building of approximately 7,500 square feet is proposed on the property owned by the Yorktown Trustees and managed by the County under the terms of the joint Board/Trustees Agreement. The building will be constructed with the flexibility to be fitted out by individual tenants. The space would be well suited for a restaurant and a retail user. In addition, the plans suggest the ability to construct two commercial buildings on the Mathews' estate property. These buildings could house the remainder of the proposed 15,000 square feet of space.

- Small Boat Pier – Plans are being developed for construction of a small boat pier in the vicinity of the Watermen’s Museum. The pier and its landside improvements are being planned in cooperation with the Museum. The pier will be capable of accommodating the numerous recreational vessels likely to visit Yorktown. Landside improvements will include walkways (part of the Riverwalk system) and a public restroom building.
- Parking – The success of the commercial space, the pier and the plaza will be dependent on the availability of adequate parking.
- Site Work – Miscellaneous site work, both before and after the move of the Freight Shed, utility work, preparation for installation of walkways, temporary measures to protect and secure areas under construction, and other site preparation work (including potential building demolition). Also, included in this category is funding for site improvements at the NPS Picnic Area in the event an easement interest is acquired by the County as part of the land exchange negotiations.
- Design/Engineering Work – Miscellaneous design / engineering fees including architectural designs for the buildings proposed on the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation property (to be acquired).

FY2003 - Total Allocation \$6,150,000

Funding will include additional work on the Public Plaza around the relocated Freight Shed and construction of the new commercial structures (approximately 15,000 square feet) on the adjacent property. Also, funding is provided for construction of the new pier and observation area in the Ballard Street vicinity, as well as the small boat pier near the Watermen’s Museum. Funding for this project is anticipated from Federal grants (\$600,000) and borrowings through a bond issue (\$5,500,000).

FY 2004 - Total Allocation \$730,000

Site improvements, including grounds, parking, restroom building, shoreline stabilization (as deemed appropriate), and other improvements as maybe determined appropriate by the Board as the plans for the picnic area are further discussed and developed (all contingent on easement acquisition by the County).

YMP-002 Utility Undergrounding

Substantial work has been accomplished in conjunction with the Riverwalk and Courthouse construction projects to improve aesthetics by placing existing overhead utilities underground. This work is proposed to continue in other highly visible sections of Yorktown.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$100,000

This funding will allow undergrounding to continue in one or more of the identified priority areas: Read Street from Water to Main Street, Buckner Street and the west end of Main Street. This project continues the effort to improve aesthetics in highly visible areas.

FY 2006 - Total Allocation \$150,000

Continuation of work in priority areas to improve aesthetics in highly visible areas.

YMP-003 Streets, Walkways and Drainage

This category involves a variety of different types of projects intended to improve drainage, enhance existing or add new walkways, improve street surfaces, enhance pedestrian lighting, and improve signage. Improvements are intended for both functional and aesthetic enhancement.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$367,000

Streetscape Improvements - \$367,000

This allocation, which includes VDOT Revenue Sharing funds, will allow completion of street, curbing, drainage, sidewalk and/or landscaping enhancements along Water Street between Comte de Grasse and Church Street (extended) and along Ballard Street (Ballard Street walkway).

FY 2004 – Total Allocation - \$250,000

Five Fork Improvements - \$200,000

This project involves the proposed reconfiguration of the intersection of Ballard Street/Zweibrucken/Colonial Parkway/NPS Visitors Center entrance. This 5-pronged intersection is confusing and unattractive and the goal of this reconstruction project would be to make it a 4-pronged intersection, reduce the amount of pavement, and install landscape improvements. NPS approval will be needed.

Ballard to Church Connection - \$50,000

This project involves the proposed public street connection between Ballard and Church Streets intended to provide better access from Ballard Street to the NPS parking lot that is located between Church and Read.

FY 2005 – Total Allocation - \$480,000

Comte de Grasse Sidewalk - \$80,000

Install a sidewalk along Comte de Grasse Street between Main and Water Streets. This project recognizes the significant number of pedestrians that use this street as a route to walk between Main Street and the waterfront, or vice-versa. Comte de Grasse is also one of the primary vehicular access routes to the waterfront. A safety problem exists since pedestrians walk on the street surface/travel way.

Streetscape Improvements - \$400,000

This project is designed to encompass a variety of potential streetscape improvements. Included, among other things, could be landscaping, fencing, lighting, walkways, etc. Many of the elements of this project should be eligible for Revenue Sharing Program funding.

FY 2006 - Total Allocation \$550,000

Streetscape Improvements - \$350,000

This project is designed to encompass a variety of potential streetscape improvements. Included, among other things, could be landscaping, fencing, lighting, walkways, etc. Many of the elements of this project should be eligible for Revenue Sharing Program funding.

Alexander Hamilton Drainage - \$200,000

This project involves drainage, curbing, street surface, walkway and landscaping improvements along Alexander Hamilton Boulevard intended to improve its functionality and appearance.

YMP-004 Shoreline Stabilization

This category of projects encompasses a variety of shoreline stabilization efforts intended to stop or minimize the loss of sand from the Yorktown shoreline and also to provide protection to the shoreline and the significant infrastructure improvements from the damaging impacts of nor'easters and other major storm events.

FY 2005 - Total Allocation \$80,000

Funding to provide beach nourishment on already improved segments of the Yorktown beach.

YMP-005 Riverwalk

Provide a continuous pedestrian linkage between the Victory Center on the west side of Yorktown and the Visitors Center on the east. The project concept dates back to the 1989 Focus on Yorktown workshop. It is being undertaken in phases and coordinated with other elements of the waterfront improvement/construction sequence.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$200,000

Riverwalk - Victory Center Connection - \$200,000

This project will extend the Riverwalk from the Yorktown Creek vicinity to the Victory Center through the Ferris House (NPS) property, and across to the Victory Center ticket building. The project is dependent on completion of the shoreline stabilization work in this area and also on NPS approval of the routing.

YMP-006 Parking

Various parking improvements are proposed to enhance visitor convenience, alleviate parking shortages in certain areas, and improve aesthetics.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$760,000

Parking improvements will include: Wharf Area parking (\$280,000) intended to support the commercial structures, piers and other waterfront activities at locations to be determined; Archer Cottage parking lot (\$280,000) located at the intersection of Water and Read Streets; and an upgrade of the public parking area under the Coleman Bridge (\$200,000).

FY 2005 - Total Allocation \$150,000

This project envisions the construction of new "pocket" parking areas at strategic locations, or the possibility of upgrading of existing private parking lots in exchange for a public use easement.

YMP-007 Land

Encompasses potential acquisition costs involved in consummating a proposed land exchange with the NPS. The County owns a 5-acre parcel along Cook Road that is surrounded by Park Service property. The NPS desires to acquire this property for preservation purposes and has identified a list of properties that it would consider, subject to proper studies and clearances, trading to the County.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$100,000

Land Exchange payments - \$100,000

The value of the County owned property may be less than the values of the various properties identified for potential acquisition from the NPS. In that case, the County could consider equalizing the value through supplementary cash payments to the NPS.

YMP-008 Design and Environmental Studies

Encompasses a variety of design, engineering, environmental, surveying, archaeological, cultural resource, etc. tasks and studies associated with the various improvement projects. Fees for design, engineering, etc. of major projects such as Riverwalk, Wharf Area, and Shoreline Stabilization are already funded, included in the respective project costs, or are set out as separate entries in this program.

FY 2003 - Total Allocation \$75,000

FY 2004 - Total Allocation \$25,000